



# Gateway Gazette

## Dred Scott: 150 years later

### *Commemorating the Sesquicentennial of the Dred Scott Decision*

Beginning on March 3, 2007, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial will commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court's historic Dred Scott Decision with special events, programs and exhibits at the Historic Old Courthouse.

On March 6, 1857, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down an appeal by a St. Louis slave seeking freedom for his family and himself. Drawing a line in the sands of history, the Dred Scott Decision further divided northern and southern states, long-embroiled in disagreements over slavery, and tipped the nation further toward the Civil War.

As the site of the original lawsuit, the Historic Old Courthouse commemorates the story of Dred Scott, his family and their historic struggle for freedom. For more information about events, please visit [www.dredscottanniversary.org](http://www.dredscottanniversary.org).



Dred and Harriet Scott superimposed over an image of the Historic Old Courthouse as it looked in 1850. NPS photo

## Education Outreach Programs come to classrooms

In October 2006, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial began delivering education outreach programs to St. Louis Public Schools. National Park Service Rangers visited fourth and fifth-grade classrooms to talk about citizenship, civil rights and the judicial process. The culmination of each visit was a mock trial acted out by students.

The Education Department developed the outreach program as a way to serve public-school students in the St. Louis region. Program content was designed to meet state curriculum guidelines for social studies and language arts.

Students reviewed the steps in a civil trial, acted out the roles of trial participants and read from scripts

brought by the ranger. Written evaluations completed by each student at the end of the program showed learning encompassed both technical and philosophical aspects of the trial process.

"I learned that you need convincing evidence to prove guilt," wrote one student; while another wrote, "I learned to try to stay out of court." Evaluations also reflected the character-building component of the program.

"Court is very serious and you have to tell the truth," summed-up one fifth-grader.

Participating teachers appreciated the opportunity to receive programming in their classrooms.

"I felt the program shows civic

responsibility, and each student has a role in the process," wrote Mrs. Rich-Lane, a fifth-grade teacher from Simmons-Marshall MEGA Magnet School. "This program engaged the students in reading, writing, listening and speaking. The children really enjoy the Park Ranger; he was really into the lesson... This program was excellent for teaching about the judicial system and a great exercise in public speaking."

"We are grateful for the opportunity to serve public school students," said education specialist Peter Hovey. "We understand constraints of time and money make it difficult for classes to visit our site, so we decided to visit them."

## Education Notes

As part of its recent website update, Jefferson National Parks Association (JNPA) unveiled its new online store. Teachers, students and educators interested in resources about the Gateway Arch, Historic Old Courthouse or other park themes can browse the site from the comfort of their home or office.

Visitors to the online store at [www.jnpa.com](http://www.jnpa.com) can browse by subject area for print, electronic and hands-on items about Dred Scott, Lewis & Clark and other park themes.

As the park partnership association for Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (JNEM), JNPA provides quality educational products and related services that enrich public understanding and appreciation of America's national parks, public lands and historic places.

Proceeds from online sales allow JNPA to make significant financial donations to be used for educational programming, exhibits, special events and site improvements. Since its inception in 1961, JNPA has contributed more than \$20 million dollars in financial and in-kind support to ensure that present and future generations can continue to enjoy the Gateway Arch, the Historic Old Courthouse and other national treasures.

## Workshops help Scouts complete interest projects

Scout leaders helping their Boy Scout and Cadette/Senior troops earn merit badges and interest projects (IPs) will want to look into one of the Scout Workshops at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial.

Full-day scout workshops at the Gateway Arch, Historic Old Courthouse and Gateway Riverboats give scouts an opportunity to meet specific badge requirements while taking advantage of a local resource.

Girl Scout workshops meet the requirements for the following Interest Projects: *Heritage Hunt*, *From Shore to Sea* and *American Patriotism*. Boy Scout workshops meet the requirements for the following badges: *Law* and *American Heritage*.

Each workshop is facilitated by the Education Department staff and includes educational activities, interaction with park resources and presentations by National Park personnel.

A special patch is available for all scouts completing a workshop. A card issued to the leader at the conclusion of the program allows them to purchase the patch at the Old Courthouse Gift Shop or the Gateway Arch Museum Store.

Workshops are scheduled several times throughout the year and reservations are required to attend. For specific information about each workshop, plus a description of programs for younger Scouts, please visit [www.nps.gov/jeff](http://www.nps.gov/jeff) or call (314) 655-1700.

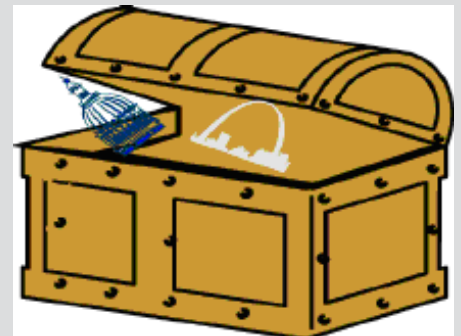
### Dred Scott Traveling Trunk

To help commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dred Scott Decision, the Education Department developed a new traveling trunk about Dred Scott and his story.

The Dred Scott Trunk includes living history items, primary resources and audio-visual materials telling the story of Dred and Harriet Scott from the perspective of St. Louis Circuit Court Clerk, Michael Cerre. As Circuit Court Clerk, Cerre processed the legal documents associated with Scott's 1850 trial at the Historic Old Courthouse. The court proceedings, as recorded by Mr. Cerre, were recently conserved by the State of Missouri and belong to the St. Louis Circuit Court.

Items in the trunk include a Teacher Activity Guide, period clothing, historic images and items that represent life during the 1850s.

The trunk can be reserved by calling 314-655-1635. The cost of \$35.00 covers shipping to and from your school or residence.





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Jefferson National Expansion Memorial commemorates the people, places, and events involved in America's Westward Expansion during the nineteenth century. The Gateway Arch and Historic Old Courthouse symbolize St. Louis' role as "The Gateway to the West" during the 1800s.

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# Gateway Arch website revised

Metro Business Enterprises will unveil a new look for its website after January 15, 2007. The new design includes a section of teachers and group leaders.

"The Teacher/Leader section provides up-to-date information for school teachers and group leaders," said Tara Creamer, Sales Manager for the Gateway Arch Riverfront. "It will feature suggested itineraries and educational activities at the Gateway Arch, Historic Old Courthouse and Gateway Arch Riverboats."

Teachers and group leaders will still be able to use the site to purchase tickets for Tram Rides to the Top of the Gateway Arch, as well as for the Odyssey and Tucker Theaters. Please visit [www.gatewayarch.com](http://www.gatewayarch.com) to learn more.

## Programs and events at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial

For more information about programs and events, call (314) 655-1700. All programs take place at the Historic Old Courthouse (OCH), Museum of Westward Expansion (MWE) or Gateway Arch Riverboats (GAR). All programs are free to the public unless noted.

### February

1, 2 & 3	Company A 10th Memorial Buffalo Calvary Soldiers (MWE)
9 & 10	Mary Robinson and the Grant Family (OCH)
16 & 17	The Adventures of Jim Beckwourth (MWE)
23 & 24	Meet Harriet Tubman (OCH)

### March

3 - 5 Commemorative Events in honor of the 150th Anniversary of the Dred Scott Decision ([www.dredscottanniversary.com](http://www.dredscottanniversary.com))

- Exhibit Opening: *A Legacy of Courage: Dred Scott and the Quest for Freedom*
- Premiere of the History Channel's new Dred Scott video
- Release of the Dred Scott stamp cachet
- Key note speakers
- Recognition of student essay contest winners
- Presentations from historical sites
- Mock Trials

6 Premiere of Electronic Field Trips

### April

9 Boy Scout Workshop: *American Heritage* (GAR)

### May

2-5 St. Louis Storytelling Festival (OCH & MWE).  
Visit [www.umsl.edu/~conted/storyfes/index.html](http://www.umsl.edu/~conted/storyfes/index.html).

### June

5	Boy Scout Workshop: <i>American Heritage</i> (GAR)
6	Boy Scout Workshop: <i>Law</i> (OCH)
7	Girl Scout Workshop: <i>From Shore to Sea</i> (GAR)
13	Teacher Workshop: <i>Freedom and Slavery in St. Louis</i>
14	Raising of the Garrison Flag (OCH)